

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 290 (HB 538)

2025 Regular Session

Wyble

Existing law provides that the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission (commission) has authority to regulate boxing and wrestling contests.

New law changes the name of the commission to the Louisiana State Athletic Commission and otherwise retains existing law.

Existing law establishes fixed salaries for members of the commission and commission employees.

New law changes the salaries of some members of the commission.

Existing law establishes fixed fees for various license types issued by the commission.

New law increases the fees for those licenses.

New law creates a safety zone for events which new law defines as an area around the ring or cage extending no less than eight feet as measured from the ring, cage, or from the catwalk which shall be partitioned at that distance of eight feet using ropes, fencing, police barriers, bicycle barriers, or other emplacements from the public seating.

New law further provides that no one not specifically authorized by commission members in attendance may sit in the safety zone and noncompliance can result in a person being ejected from the event.

The new law safety zone replaces the prior law provisions regarding seat proximity to the ring.

Prior law provided a per diem to be paid to commission members to oversee or attend boxing, wrestling, or mixed technique events.

New law repeals per diem provisions of prior law and provides for per diem, not to exceed \$150, to be paid to commission members for attendance at commission meetings and activities.

Prior law provided that the commission may appoint an events coordinator, not on the commission, for any boxing event the commission deems necessary, whose fee shall be paid by the club promoting the event in question, which amount shall not exceed \$350 per event.

New law removes prohibition that the events coordinator cannot be on the commission and removes the \$350 amount of the fee and allows the fee to be set by commission.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 4:61(A), 65(A)(2) and (B), 67(C)(1), 72, 79(C), 81.1(A), 83(B)(2) and (C)(1), and 85(3) and R.S. 36:4.1(C)(11); Adds R.S. 4:67(C)(4))